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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON ZIMBABWE AND
NAMIBIA

1. SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO PRAISES OAU
RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC FRONT, WARNS OF "IMPERIALIST MANEU-
VERS" TO DIVIDE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND INSTALL PUPPET GOVERN-
MENT IN ZIMBABWE AND SAYS THAT SWAPO'S DEMANDS MUST BE MET BE-
FORE A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO NAMIBIA CAN BE ACHIEVED.
END SUMMARY.

2. IN FRONT PAGE INTERVIEW GIVEN SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN
FROM LIBREVILLE SUMMIT (AND PUBLISHED FOR FIRST TIME IN JULY
27 NOTICIAS), MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO TALKED
ABOUT OUTCOME OF RECENT OAU MEETING AND SITUATIONS IN ZIMBABWE
AND NAMIBIA. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS OF INTERVIEW:

3. RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC FRONT: CHISSANO DESCRIBED THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT AS THE ONLY "LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
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ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE" AND APPLAUDED THE DECISION OF THE OAU SUM-
MIT TO GRANT EXCLUSIVE RECOGNITION TO FRONT. CHISSANO DEFENDED
THE RECOGNITION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT BY SAYING THAT IT WAS
COMPOSED OF THE TWO MOVEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR THE
LONGEST PERIOD OF TIME BY THE OAU'S AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE.
THEY ARE "INCONTESTABLY" THE BEST ORGANIZED AND ENJOY THE GREATEST
SUPPORT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE. CHISSANO DISMISSED

BISHOP MUZOREWA AND REV. SITHOLE AS ELEMENTS WORKING IN THE
"SERVICE OF IMPERIALISM."

4. ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE AND IMPERIALIST MANEUVERS: CHISSO SAID THAT ANY INITIATIVE ON THE TRANSFER OF POWER IN ZIMBABWE SHOULD BE BETWEEN THE COLONIAL POWER AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. THE COLONIAL POWER KNOWS THIS. ANY INITIATIVE THAT DISREGARDS THIS FACT CAN ONLY BE VIEWED AS AN "IMPERIALIST MANEUVER" TO PERPETUATE COLONIAL AND RACIAL DOMINATION IN ZIMBABWE. CHISSANO WARNED THAT NOW THAT THE OAU HAD RECOGNIZED THE FRONT, THE IMPERIALISTS WILL ATTEMPT TO DENIGRATE AND DEBASE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IN ORDER TO ESCAPE HAVING TO DEAL WITH IT. THEY WILL STEP UP THEIR CALLS FOR A "SO-CALLED INTERNAL SOLUTION" WHICH WILL ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE THE ZIPA COMBATANTS. THESE MANEUVERS WILL NOT SUCCEED BECAUSE PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN STATES WILL KNOW HOW TO FRUSTRATE THEM AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE ARMED STRUGGLE.

5. NAMIBIA: CHISSANO SAID THE OAU HEADS OF STATE RENEWED THEIR SUPPORT FOR SWAPO, CALLED FOR GREATER FINANCIAL, MATERIAL AND DIPLOMATIC ASSISTANCE FOR THE NAMIBIAN GROUP AND ALSO RECOMMENDED THE CONVOCAION OF A SPECIAL UNGA SESSION TO DEAL WITH THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. WITH REGARD TO THE WESTERN INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA, CHISSANO INDICATED SUPPORT FOR SWAPO'S DEMANDS: THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY AND PARA-MILITARY UNITS, RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, AGREEMENT TO ALLOW ALL EXILES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO RETURN TO NAMIBIA, RECOGNITION OF UN'S LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OVER NAMIBIA AND ACCEPTANCE OF WALVIS BAY AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA.

6. COMMENT: CHISSANO'S REMARKS ARE THE FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY A SENIOR FRELIMO OFFICIAL ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS IN SOME TIME. THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH PAST GPRM POLICY POSITIONS, AND INDICATE CONTINUED GPRM SUPPORT OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA AND DEFERENCE TO THE WISHES OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND SWAPO.
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